Docket No. 1185.1018

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Kayoko MASAKI et al.

Serial No. 08/772,259

Group Art Unit: 2872

Confirmation No. 5740

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Examiner: T. Nguyen

For: SURFACE LIGHT SOURCE DEVICE OF SIDE LIGHT TYPE (As Amended)

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action issued September 22, 2005, having a response due date of December 22, 2005. A three-month extension of time is concurrently filed herewith, thereby extending the response due date to March 22, 2006.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the allowability of the claims is respectfully requested.

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